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Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Training the world's best pilots

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Newsline

A glance at news affecting Laughlin

Stop-Loss ends

Stop-Loss ended Wednesday. For more information, see story on page 2.

Uniform change

Headquarters, Air Education and Training Command has rescinded its mandatory wear of the battle dress uniform as the uniform of the day in support of the troops in Kosovo.

Effective immediately, 47th Flying Training Wing units have the option of wearing either blues or the BDU uniform as the UOD, based on duty requirements or as determined by unit commanders.

Promotions

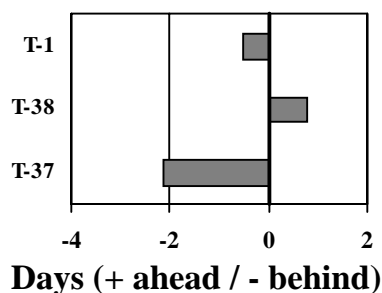
An enlisted promotion ceremony is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Club Amistad.

Come out and recognize Laughlin's newest promotees! Those receiving a stripe in the month of July will be listed in the July 2 issue of the Border Eagle.

47 FTW mission status

(As of June 23)

Student Timeline



Sorties flown in FY 99:
47,401

Hours flown in FY 99:
68,272.1

Pilot wings earned in FY 99:
219

Pilot wings earned since 1963:
11,266

Student pilot draws on training to land safely after bird strike

By Senior Airman
Mike Hammond

Editor

A student pilot here executed a single-engine landing June 16 after the T-38 he was flying sustained a bird strike.

2nd Lt. Katsushi Hashimoto, a Japanese student training in the 87th Flying Training Squadron, was flying his 10th solo flight in the aircraft when he observed a bird very close to the plane and felt an impact. The right engine compressor stalled and began to vibrate. "I never thought it would happen to

me," said Hashimoto, who has 250 total flying hours – 100 of those in the T-38.

Despite his surprise, the lieutenant calmly followed procedures he had been taught from the beginning, said his flight commander. "Every flight debriefing includes an emergency procedure drill," said Capt. John Welch, R flight commander for the 87th. "We always give them (student pilots) a scenario, and have them tell us what they would do in that situation."

As Hashimoto pulled the right engine throttle to idle, the right hydraulic and generator lights lit. With concurrence from the runway supervisory unit (a crew of three rated instructor pilots and two students which controls T-38 traffic to the outside runway), the lieutenant quickly shut down the right engine. He then followed single-engine procedures to land the aircraft on the center runway, where he performed an emergency ground egress to exit the plane.

According to the RSU crew, he appeared very calm over the radio throughout the ordeal. "I forced myself not to panic, so I wasn't too nervous," Hashimoto explained. "After the engine shut down, everything looked exactly like it did in training." He said he sensed a deviation from the way the plane normally flies, but wasn't very worried. "It seemed everything was under control, so I never really thought I would have to eject."

The part of training which helped him most was ERASSE - an acronym used to help students remember procedures to consider when encountering a single-engine situation, Hashimoto explained. ERASSE stands for: engine shut down; restart; alternate gear extension; single-engine landing procedure; single-engine go-around; and ejection for dual-engine failure.

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Photo by Senior Airman Mike Hammond

Hashimoto points out engine damage caused by a bird hitting the T-38 he was flying. He is holding one of the engine's compressor blades in his hand.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND

To the Enlisted Men and Women of AETC,

During my career, I have been fortunate enough to receive many awards and honors. However, none of them match the honor of receiving the Order of the Sword on June 18.

Elouise and I offer our deepest gratitude and sincere thanks to all of the enlisted men and women of Air Education and Training Command and the U.S. Air Force for this high honor. It is unlike anything we have experienced before, and I can assure you that we do not take this lightly. We have served our Air Force and the nation as a team, and therefore, both of us will treasure this moment as the greatest honor in my career.

I am particularly pleased with the response from our junior enlisted force. Many of them expressed their support on my behalf for this presentation. A special thanks goes to Command Chief Master Sgt. Ken Hair and all the AETC command chief master sergeants for their unanimous confirmation and trust in me. I am humbled by your actions and pleased to join such a distinguished group of Americans.

Friday evening's event was one of the most professionally organized and emotionally charged military performances I have seen. The prestige of the history and meaning of the Order of the Sword drives a sense of Air Force pride that is second to none. Because this is unique to the enlisted force, I fully understand why other nations' air forces hold our enlisted men and women in such high esteem.

There is only one word that comes to mind to sum up Friday evening ... awesome!


LLOYD W. NEWTON
General, USAF
Commander

Stop-Loss phased out for all Air Force units

By F. Whitten Peters

Acting secretary of the Air Force

and

Gen. Michael E. Ryan

Air Force chief of staff

On May 25, we announced that Stop-Loss authority would be effective June 15 to preserve combat capability needed to support operation allied force. At the time we implemented Stop-Loss, we didn't know the potential scope of the operation, nor the length of engagement. With the end of hostilities, withdrawal of Yugoslavian troops, and the redeployment of our forces home, it is appropriate to phase out Stop-Loss.

We want to thank you for your sacrifices and dedication to our great Air Force during the recent events in the Balkans. Your service was vital to the successful completion of our mission, although we know that many were impacted by Stop-Loss.

Effective immediately, we will terminate Stop-Loss for all members not deployed in support of Kosovo operations. For those deployed, Stop-Loss will terminate upon redeployment to home station. Members whose separation/retirement plans were altered by Stop-Loss will be provided maximum assistance in transition. Further details on implementation will be provided in an AF/DP message to the field.

Again, both of us thank you for your commitment during this critical period.

For additional
information on
Stop-Loss, please call
2nd Lt. Shannon Peeler
at 5487

Actionline Call 298-5351

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.


Col. Dan R. Goodrich
47th Flying Training Wing commander



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Accounting and Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
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Inspector General	298-5638
Legal	298-5172
Military Personnel	298-5073
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Security Forces	298-5900
Services	298-5810
Social Actions	298-5400
FWA hotline	298-4170

Q I wanted to bring to the attention of the base some good information about a senior NCO working in finance. Chief (Warren) Weld goes the "extra mile" to ensure members are getting all the

money they are due. He takes care of people as well as business in the right manner. Chief Weld did extensive research when he noted a problem with a member's pay. In his research, the Chief discovered the problem affected others as well. He was instru-

mental in recovering pay that the individuals did not even know they were missing. Thank you!

A Thank you. It is always great to hear that there are people doing great things for other people! You will find that Laughlin is full of quality people who go above and beyond to get the job done.

Border Eagle

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Editor

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***“Excellence –
not our goal, but
our standard.”***

– 47 FTW motto

Safety Stats

As of June 21
(Fiscal Year)

'99 Total '98

On-duty mishaps	2	11
Off-duty mishaps	9	7
Traffic mishaps	1	4
Sports & Rec mishaps	5	3
Fatalities	0	2

Well done! 838 EIS team completes work here; CITS to be finished ahead of time

By 2nd Lt. William B. Johnson
47th Communications Squadron

Col. David Bertholf, 47th Support Group commander, pinned Air Force Achievement Medals on 13 members of the 838th Engineering and Installation Squadron from Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, June 17 for the installation of Laughlin's Combat Information Transfer System.

“The Combat Information Transfer System installation will be completed two years ahead of schedule,” said Betty Schoen, 47th Communications Squadron program manager. “The E&I team provided fiber optic connectivity between information transfer nodes and various core buildings. This included digging, boring and accomplishing cut and patches to bury fiber optic cable, then connecting that fiber to the various communications rooms throughout the base.” She continued, “The team pulled 9.5 miles of cable through manholes and underground duct systems. They tested 100 percent of the installed fiber by accomplishing two-way checks from each connected building to ensure the fiber was good. The team worked night and day to accomplish its objective - sometimes working shifts throughout the entire night - to get the job done on time. They did all this with the greatest initiative I've ever seen from an E&I team, and they did it flawlessly.”

After pinning the achievement medals on each team member, Bertholf said, “I am most impressed by their professionalism. The team displayed the technical competency as evidenced in the decoration citation, but what I noticed all the time was their dedication and military bearing.”

Maj. Dan Nickerson, 838th Installation Systems Flight commander, said, “True professionalism – that's the standard we want to set for E&I. The team works very hard to set a very high standard for the level of work that they do.”



Photo by 2nd Lt. William B. Johnson

Senior Airman Steven A. McCort, 838th Engineering and Installation Squadron, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, splices fiber in the shop. The 838 EIS recently completed work here on the Combat Information Transfer System.

Because of the support the team received, members completed the CITS project earlier than expected. Senior Airman Steven McCort, team member, said, “Eight members of the team volunteered to remain to complete two additional projects related to the CITS installation. We've received great customer support from the communications squadron, transportation, civil engineering and everyone across the board we've come in contact with at this base.” Tech Sgt. Anel Cabezas, team chief, added, “It would be hard for another base to give better support than Laughlin – the people at Laughlin have their act together.”

One added bonus for the E&I team was the fact that they were so close to their homes at Kelly. “E&I teams perform up to

300 days of temporary duty per year, and this can put a great deal of stress on family members,” Cabezas explained. “The team members always had the opportunity to return to San Antonio when they weren't working.”

Maj. Steve Donatucci, 47th Communications Squadron commander, said, “Ultimately, this outstanding team provided the base a massive fiber optic system for communications networks. Their efforts increased our overall transmission capacity and speed almost ten fold. The team saved Laughlin more than \$1 million by avoiding a contracted team,” he continued. “I want to thank the E&I team for their level of work and dedication. The team has provided great support for our base and we will experience the fruits of their labor for years to come. I proudly salute every member of the team.”

Air Force awards AFEM, AFSM for Operation JOINT FORGE

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Air Force has approved the award of the Air Force Expeditionary Medal or the Armed Forces Service Medal for Operation JOINT FORGE for the period beginning June 21, 1998, through a date yet to be determined.

To receive the AFEM, service members must be or have been deployed in Bosnia-Herzegovina or Croatia, served aboard U.S. Naval vessels operating in the Adriatic Sea or their respective air spaces and provided direct support to OJF. In addition, they must have been in the area of engagement and meet one of the following criteria:

- Be a member of a unit participating in OJF.
- Be engaged in direct support for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days.

- Be engaged in actual combat, or duty equally as hazardous as combat duty with an armed opposition, regardless of time in the AOE.
- Participate as a regularly assigned crewmember of an aircraft flying into, out of, within or over the AOE in direct support of OJF (direct support is defined as services being supplied to the combat forces in the AOE by ground, sea or air units, provided it actually involves entering the AOE).

To receive the AFSM, service members must meet the above criteria. They also must have been deployed in the countries of Slovenia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Serbia, Hungary or their respective air spaces, and have provided direct support to OJF.

Individuals should address questions/comments to their local military personnel flights.

(AFPC)

The *XLer*

Hometown: Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Family: Husband: Jeff, Daughters: Christy, 11, and Jenny 9.

Time at Laughlin: 12 years.

Time in civil service: 4 years.

Why did you join the Air Force family?

Throughout my life I have been classified as an Air Force: DD – dependent daughter, AD – active duty, DW – dependent wife, summer hire, civil servant and now retiree (thanks to my just-retired husband).

Name one way to improve life at Laughlin:

Change it to a remote assignment to gain more funding for special activities and salary.

Greatest accomplishment: My daughters.

Long-term goals: Complete my master's degree in nursing at the University of Arizona. Go Wildcats!

Hobbies: Dancing, traveling and camping.

Favorite food: Tri-tip roast from the grill.

Favorite beverage: A good bottle of wine.

Bad habit: Volunteering more time than I have.

Motto: See life as a cup half full, not half empty.

If you could spend one hour with any person in history, who would it be and why? My maternal grandparents, who passed away when I was a child. I have no memories of them and few pictures.



Judith Rhinesmith
47th Medical Group

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

- Daily Mass 12:05 p.m.
- Saturday Mass 5 p.m.
- Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.
- Confession 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
- Saturday or by appointment.
- Choir 6 p.m. Thursday.
- Sunday school, 11 a.m. Religious Education Building.

Protestant

- General worship 11 a.m.
- Bible study video luncheon 11 a.m. Thursday, chapel fellowship hall.
- Awana, Wednesdays, chapel from 6 - 7 p.m.

Jewish

- Max Stool
- 219 West Strickland St. Del Rio; Phone: 775-4519

For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.



Question of the week

How are you an asset to your organization?



"As a member of the group commander's support staff, I control and monitor numerous programs, as well as provide customer service for all medical group personnel."

**Staff Sgt.
Robert E. Bellamy**
47th Medical Group



"I am a health care finder - nurse behind the scene. I optimize the access to quality health care for all military health systems beneficiaries"

Jamie Lingsch
Tricare Service Center



"I am an asset to the squadron because of my continuity in administration procedures and my genuine caring and concern for all the members of my squadron."

Jacquie Holloway
47th Security Forces Squadron



"To further the expansion of physical fitness participation rates by being the epitome of the physically fit."

**Senior Airman
Luis Pimentel**
47th Services Division

From the Blotter (47th Security Forces Squadron)



June 9, 1:58 p.m. A TV/VCR was reported missing by a contractor. The item was left unsecured. Base employees and residents should be aware that the majority of thefts on the installation involve unsecured property.

June 10, 7:45 a.m. Security forces apprehended a Navy servicemember who was absent without leave from the USS Oldendorf, San Diego, Calif. The member was returned to ship.

June 10, 7:30 p.m. A verbal altercation occurred at the Bowling Center. Security forces responded and the people resolved their dispute.

June 14, 10:03 a.m. The law enforcement desk received a call about a suspicious package on Laughlin Drive and Ribas-Dominici Circle. A security forces bomb dog team responded. The package contained sports equipment.

As a reminder, Laughlin is currently under THREAT CONDITION ALPHA, a general threat of possible terrorist activity. The nature and extent of activities are unpredictable. Residents and employees should be aware of suspicious persons or objects.

For emergencies, call 911. For nonemergencies, call 5100.

47th Medical Group

Summer is here and so is the need to stay cool. Most people take their children to the local pool or Lake Amistad this time of year.

Swimming is a great way to beat the heat, but it also poses a common medical risk – swimmer's ear.

Swimmer's ear is characterized by itchy ears, ear pain or a feeling that an ear is plugged while swimming. The ear canals are meant to be dry. When water gets trapped in the ear canals, the lining becomes swollen and prone to infection.

The key to preventing this from happening to your children is to keep their ears dry when they are out of the water. After swimming, get all of the water out of the ear canals by turning the head to the side and pulling their earlobes in different directions. Dry the opening of the ear canal carefully.

Hopefully, these tips will keep your children free from swimmer's ear and help them a safe and enjoyable summer.

(Courtesy Laughlin Pediatric Clinic)



Uniforms available through Internet catalog

Shopping for military uniforms can be as easy as browsing the Internet.

Catalogs from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service are available worldwide for authorized customers, instantly, at www.aafes.com. The Internet catalog provides shopping convenience regardless of the customer's location.

Additionally, Air Force military clothing catalogs have a variety of optional uniform items and accessories from which to choose. Though identical in product selection, the electronic catalogs do not replace the paper versions still available in clothing sales stores or by calling 1-888-768-3204.

(AFNS)

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Hashimoto said the biggest lesson he took from the experience was that, "Whatever happens to me, I should always try to do my best." Welch said he was proud of the way the lieutenant performed. "It pleases me to know he felt comfortable after the engine shut down," he said. "I have gone over those procedures countless times with students, and this situation shows that what seems routine to me can really pay off for a student. He did a great job, and demonstrated that you cannot let an emergency distract you from flying the aircraft precisely."

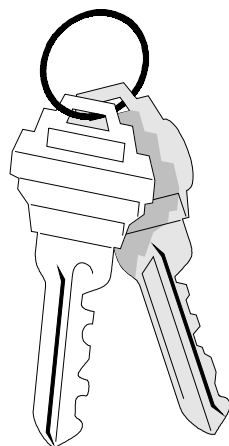
The safe and successful recovery of Hashimoto's crippled aircraft was part of a larger picture, according to Col. Larry Stutzriem, 47th Operations Group commander. "His actions in flight were simply outstanding. To the observer, the calm and precise recovery may have seemed routine and not that serious," the colonel said. "I certainly hope it appeared routine – because an entire team of professionals shaped and supported Hashimoto's actions. In his hands and brain was the superb training of Capt. Welch and his other instructors. From the ground, tremendously talented tower and RSU crews assisted him. Standing by at the runway was a tough and effective fire response team," he continued. "So, as you can see, not only does Hashimoto deserve a big pat on the back, the entire training and support team here scored an A-plus on a no-notice, real world test."



Photo by Senior Airman Mike Hammond

Douse it!

Firefighters Jimmey McDonald and Timothy Lombard, 47th Civil Engineering Squadron, extinguish an electrical fire on the engine of a tanker truck on base Monday. The fire was started through an electrical short caused by worn wire casing.



Remember
home security:
keep your
doors locked!



Invest in Our Children

Every child should have an opportunity to reach their star. Put your child on the path to that goal by starting an education fund early. Save regularly by buying U.S. Savings Bonds through the payroll savings plan. Since January 1990 bonds purchased and redeemed to pay education expenses may be totally tax exempt. Income limits and other eligibility requirements apply to the Education Bond Program. Ask your canvasser for details!



Helmets help bike safety

Today, an estimated 80.6 million people in the United States ride bicycles.

A survey conducted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and McDonald’s Corp. reported, “Bike-related crashes kill 900 people every year and send about 567,000 to hospital emergency rooms. Wearing a bike helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by 85 percent.”

Wearing a bicycle helmet is the single most important thing you can do for yourself when riding a bicycle. The CPSC issued a new standard for bicycle helmets in February. All bike helmets manufactured or imported for sale in the United States will have to meet the new federal safety standard set by the CPSC.

The new standard ensures that bike helmets will adequately protect the head and that chin straps will be strong enough to prevent the helmet from coming off in a collision or fall. In addition, the new standard requires that hel-

met for children up to age 5 must cover more of the head to protect the more fragile areas of a young child’s skull. Select a helmet that fits snugly and sits flat atop the head.

Helmets that meet the new standard will display a label stating that they meet CPSC’s new safety standard. This will help eliminate confusion about which certification mark to look for when buying a helmet.”

Everyone who rides a bicycle on a Department of Defense installation is required to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.

It is far more dangerous to ride a bicycle at night than during the day. Most bicycles are equipped for daylight use and need to be adapted for nighttime use. If you must ride at night, have reflectors that meet CPSC requirements.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides 10 rules for safe bicycle riding.

- Protect your head, always wear a helmet.
 - See and be seen.
 - Avoid biking at night.
 - Stay alert and always keep a lookout for obstacles in your path.
 - Go with the flow, the safe way is the right way.
 - Check for traffic, always be aware of the traffic around you.
 - Learn the rules of the road and obey traffic laws.
 - Assure bicycle readiness and make sure your bicycle is adjusted properly.
 - Stop it – always check brakes before riding.
 - Don’t flip over your bicycle, securely fasten wheels.
- (Courtesy 37th Training Wing Safety and AETCNS)



Copayment for ancillary services eliminated

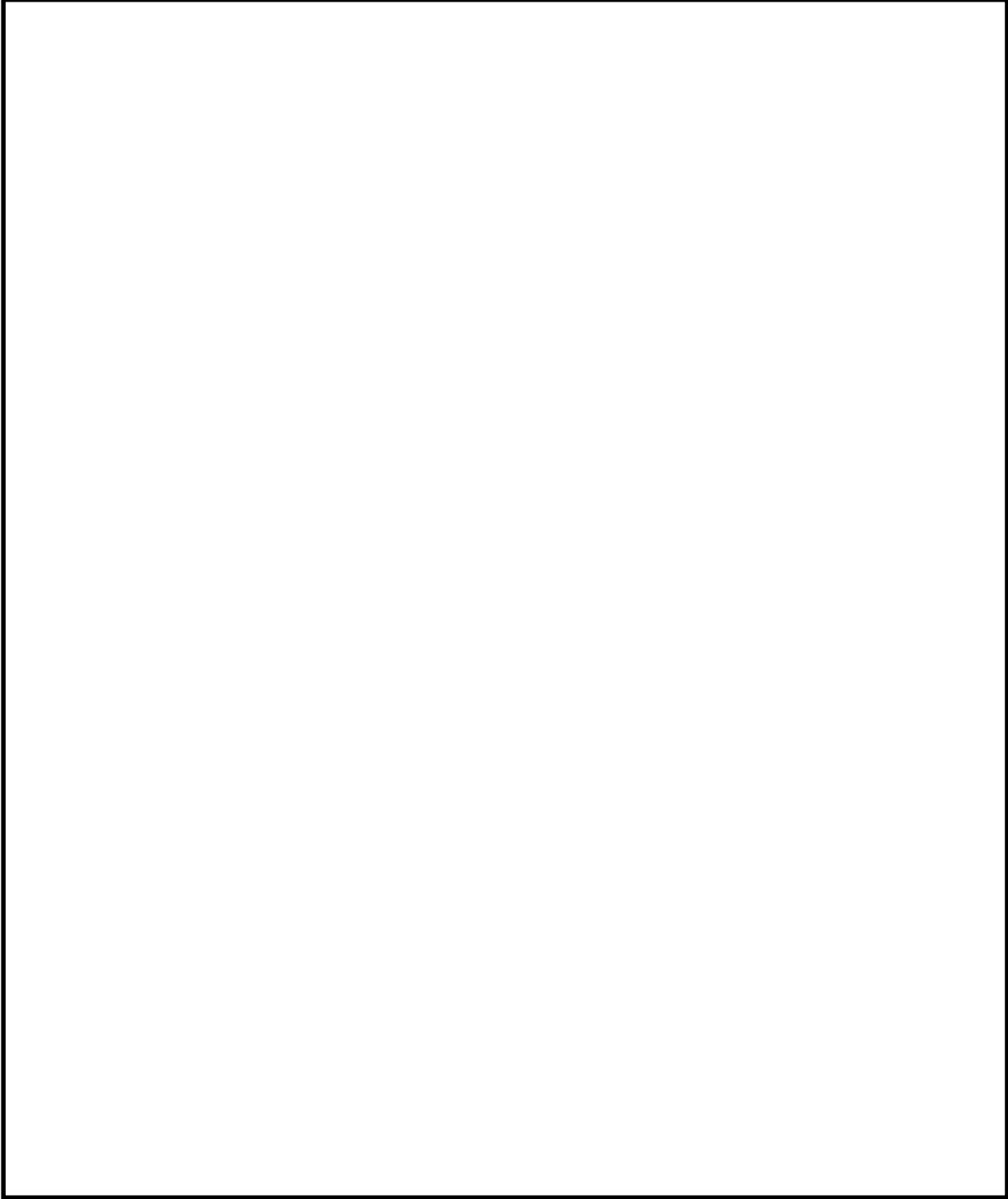
With a recent TRICARE program change, the Prime copayment requirement for many ancillary services has been eliminated.

Bills from civilian medical providers include additional charges for X-rays and other lab services. When these services were received on a different date than the office visit, or were performed by another provider (such as an independent laboratory or X-ray facility), the beneficiary would owe a separate copayment for each service. Sometimes that meant a copayment for a single doctor’s visit might be applied several times - even though the beneficiary only made one trip to a physician.

Now, even when a beneficiary’s primary care manager asks for additional lab work, X-rays or cardiovascular studies, only one copayment will be applied to the patient’s bill. Normal referral and authorization requirements still apply, and beneficiaries using TRICARE Extra and Standard will still be required to cost-share these services.

The single copayment provision also applies to services received in an emergency room. Only one copayment will be applied for such services on a per-visit basis: one copayment is applied per visit no matter how many providers are involved in a patient’s care, or the provider’s status as a network provider.

Be informed about your medical benefits. For more information about this TRICARE program change, contact your beneficiary services representative at (800) 406-2832, option 3.



Singles conference offers chance to relax, gain spiritual development and personal growth

How would you like to be in the mountains of Colorado in August?

You can, if you meet the criteria. Each year, the Air Force sponsors a five-day ecumenical Christian singles conference at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colo. This conference is specially prepared for Air Force active duty singles, and you are invited! The conference is open to all singles, single parents or single again, active duty officers and enlisted members.

The conference is scheduled for August 23-27. To attend, register at the base chapel no later than July 29. The cost is \$100, and you must take five days of ordinary leave to attend. The money is non-refundable and due with your registration. The chapel will pay all other conference fees and buy the airplane ticket.

"This is a great opportunity

to experience personal growth, spiritual development and to gain leadership training," said Chaplain (Maj.) Frank Hamilton of the wing chaplain's office. "The conference will equip you to meet the demands of single life in the Air Force and help you to make a difference where you live and work."

This year's conference includes seminars led by nationally recognized experts on singles issues, plus worship concerts by popular recording artists and Rocky Mountain recreational fun. Outdoor possibilities include white-water rafting, horseback riding, hiking, biking and new off-road four-wheel-drive adventures. It is an opportunity to make new friends and grow closer to those who attend.

For further information and registration, please contact Hamilton or Airman 1st Class Diana Beauvais at 298-5111.

(Courtesy, wing chaplain's office)

Community celebrates Independence Day

Laughlin will join the Del Rio community for an all-day July 4 celebration that culminates with a night fireworks display.

Events begin at noon in Moore Park with the City of Del Rio Swim League second annual meet. Following the meet, the pool will open to the public all day without charge.

Parks and Recreation officials also plan free activities at Moore Park: a miniature golf tournament at 2 p.m.; pool raft races for children all day; free-throw contest (register at the pool front desk); and live band concerts provided by the United International Organization of Christian Music from 1 to 6 p.m.

A three-person coed volleyball tournament will begin at 4 p.m. There is a \$20 entry fee for this event. Also, the Industrial Softball Association of Del Rio is sponsoring a softball tournament at Hogan Softball Field July 3-4.

For information about Moore Park activities, contact Mark Chavira, 774-8522.

At 3 p.m., activities will move to Val Verde Fairgrounds with continuing craft displays and

game and refreshment booths. Free shuttles will run from Moore Park to the fairgrounds every hour beginning at 4 p.m. The trolley shuttle will operate until the end of the fireworks display at 10:45 p.m.

The annual July 4 parade begins at 6:30 p.m. at Star Park. Participants will go north on Main Street to the fairgrounds. For parade information and registration, contact Alan Alexander, 774-2076. For fairground information, contact Rafael Castillo, 774-8541, or Elsa Reyes, 774-8695.

The Air Force Band of the West variety group "Top Flight" will perform on center stage beginning at approximately 8 p.m., followed at 8:30 by the National Anthem, posting of colors and welcome remarks by Mayor Robert Chavira, County Judge Mike Fernandez and State Representative Pete Gallegos.

Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, will present the Fourth of July message and recognition of veterans. Top Flight will then return to the stage and perform until the fireworks finale begins at approximately 10:20 p.m.

Where are they now?

Name: Col. Jim Moran

Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin: Class 71-03/September 1970.

Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at: C-141 and KC-10 at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

Mission of your current aircraft: Air Mobility, to include air land, air drop, and air refueling.

What do you like most about your current aircraft? I like the fact that on any given day, my crew and I can be dispatched to literally any location on the earth to perform any of a wide spectrum of vital missions in support of Air Mobility.

What one thing do you dislike about your current aircraft? I dislike the fact that my real aviation partner since 1970, the Lockheed C141 Starlifter is nearing the end of its tour of duty.

What was the most important thing you learned from your time at Laughlin, besides learning how to fly? I still call Laughlin Del



Courtesy photo of C-141



Courtesy photo of KC-10

Rio. The memories I hold from my coming of age experience there are as fresh and vivid today as they were in 1969 and 1970 when they were lived. The most important things I learned were the value of preparation, the value of persistence and the value, purpose and power of teamwork.

What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? My most memorable experience at Del Rio was listening to a speech delivered by General "Chappy" James.

What piece of advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? My advice to the students is to recognize that they are now a part of something much greater than that from which they came. The strength of the Air Force is in its people, and its people must work diligently and thoughtfully to preserve its strength – believe me, it's worth it!

Golf tourney

The Del Rio Chapter of the Air Force Association raised \$1,000 with a tournament at Leaning Pine Golf Course Saturday. The money will fund two college scholarships for area high school graduates.

The team of John and Sylvia Montoya, Frank Chavarria and Mike Gosgriff captured the best-ball event with a 16-under par score.

“This event is the major fund-raising effort to support our AFA scholarship fund,” said Lt. Col. Jason Barlow, AFA president. “We appreciate the support of the 44 golfers from Laughlin and Del Rio to make this event a success. I especially appreciate the volunteer efforts of Capts. Dave LeRoy and Brian Dickinson, who put this tournament together.”

Senior NCO induction

The senior noncommissioned officer induction ceremony will be July 31 in the Club XL ballroom. Social hour starts at 6 p.m; dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Meal prices are \$14.50 for club members and \$17.50 for others.

Dress requirements are officers – mess dress, enlisted – mess dress or semi-formal and civilians – business attire. Call 298-6355 or 5041 for reservations and meal selection.

Closure

The 47th Comptroller Flight, Finance and Budget will be closed at 1:15 today for a comptroller flight function. Emergency assistance will be available by contacting Tech. Sgt. Hosea Butler at 703-1890.

Sports physicals

The pediatric clinic will conduct school, sport and camp physicals Tuesday and Thursday afternoons by appointment only beginning Thursday through Aug. 12. Parents of students and campers are encouraged to get appointments early to beat the school rush.

Call central appointments at 298-3578 to schedule a physical. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to scheduled appointment and bring completed school or camp paperwork and shot records.

Yard debris

Housing and mobile home park residents should place leaves, grass clippings and branches in trash bags and set them by the curbside for pickup on the first and third Mondays of each month. These items should not be put in refuse or recycling containers.

For more information, call Patricia Lunn at 5247.

NCOA and PMEGA

The Laughlin Noncommissioned Officers Association and Professional Military Education Graduates Association are seeking new members. These professional associations are highly visible, career enhancing organizations that assist the base and local community.

You don’t have to be an NCO to join.

If interested in these worthwhile organizations, please contact Tech. Sgt. Chris Clauser at 5441.

Texas Archeological Society

The public is invited to attend an open house at the site of the Texas Archeological Society’s 1999

Field School at Amistad National Recreation Area, San Pedro Campground, today from 2-5 p.m.

Archeological work at the site has included survey, rock art recording and documenting a variety of historic and prehistoric sites, such as burned rock middens, hearths and rock rings from prehistoric shelters.

The open house will be held at the San Pedro Campground on Spur 454 off Highway 90 West in Del

Rio. Visitors will receive an overview of the field work and can also visit one of the actual sites. Maps will be provided to the site on request.

The Texas Archeological Society is a nonprofit, statewide organization of professional and avocational archeologists who volunteer their efforts to preserve and protect the heritage of Texas’ past.

For more information on Amistad National Recreation Area and the Field School, call (830) 775-7491 or



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Pruning to perfection

Camisha Dickinson, wife of Capt. Brian Dickinson, 84th Flying Training Squadron, takes advantage of clear skies Wednesday to prune begonias in her yard. The Dickinsons won the Yard of the Month for June – officer housing category. Other winners were Tech. Sgt. Joseph and Lisa Hulsebosch – mobile home and Tech. Sgt. John and Victoria Adderly – enlisted housing. Winners earn gift certificates from the credit union and the base exchange and use of a reserved parking a the BX and the commissary.